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NODIS CHEROKEE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: RH, SF

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM FON MIN BOTHA

REF: EDMONSON-BOWDLER TELCON

1. PIK BOTHA CALLED AT 19:00 TO RELAY FOLLOWING:

A) THE CABINET TOOK NO DEFINITE DECISION ON THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PACKAGE.

B) IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT OWEN AND YOUNG COME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE REGARDS THEIR VISIT AS "ESSENTIAL AND NECESSARY" TO REACHING SUCH A DECISION HERE.

C) BECAUSE OF VERY TIGHT SCHEDULE WHICH HE AND VORSTER HAVE OVER NEXT WEEK, BOTHA WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHEN OWEN AND YOUNG CAN ARRIVE SO THAT HIS AND PM'S SCHEDULES CAN BE ADJUSTED.

D) WITH TREPIDATION HE IS FLYING TO SALISBURY ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 18) TO SEE SMITH. IT WOULD HELP IF BEFORE THEN AN ANNOUNCEMENT COULD BE MADE ON THE DATE OF THE OWEN-YOUNG VISIT TO PRETORIA. HE DID NOT SAY SO EXPLICITLY BUT I GATHER HE WANTS TO USE SUCH AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO HOLD OFF SMITH'S PRESSURE FOR SPECIFIC BRIEFING ON LONDON TALKS.

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E) BOTHA EXPRESSED HOPE THAT IDEA OF SUMMIT IS BEING ACTIVELY PURSUED AS THIS WOULD BE HELPFUL IN CONTEXT OF THE DECISION ON THE PACKAGE.

2. BOTHA WOULD NOT BE DRAWN OUT (AT LEAST OVER PHONE) ON ATTITUDES TOWARD PACKAGE IN THE CABINET SESSION. SUMMERHAYES

AND I WILL TRY TO SEE HIM IN THE MORNING IN THE HOPE THAT
HE WILL BE MORE FORTHCOMING IN DIRECT TALK.

3. SUMMERHAYES HAS RECEIVED SAME MESSAGE FROM BOTHA EXCEPT FOR
POINT 1(E). SUMMERHAYES HAS RELAYED MESSAGE BY PHONE TO
JOHN GRAHAM. I ASSUME GRAHAM IS KEEPING DICK MOOSE
INFORMED BUT DEPARTMENT MAY WANT TO RELAY THIS TO MOOSE.
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